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Report on the outbreak of smallpox in Shreveport, La.

SHREVEPORT, LA., *June 13, 1896.*

SIR: Inclosed herewith is the statement of the city physician *in re* outbreak of smallpox in this city from February 26 to June 10, 1896. The dates given mark the first and last cases. * * *

I am, sir, very respectfully,

A. R. BOOTH,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

SHREVEPORT, LA., *June 12, 1896.*

DEAR DOCTOR: I am not in possession, at present, of all my notes, as I am having them written up by a friend, but am able to give you the information asked for.

Number of cases from February 26 to June 12: City and pesthouse, 54; number cases treated in pesthouse, 49; number cases treated in city, 5; number colored cases treated in pesthouse, 48; number white cases treated in pesthouse, 1; number white cases treated in city, 5; number deaths, colored (all in pesthouse), 8; number deaths, white, none; number deaths without complication, 2; number deaths, complicated, 6. All the deaths with complications were inmates of charity hospital when attacked with smallpox. * * * Number discharged, 35; number under treatment, 6. First case received in pesthouse, February 26; 2 cases received June 8; 1 case received June 10 (last cases).

Yours, truly,

J. F. O'LEARY,
City Physician.

A. R. BOOTH, M. D.,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Contagious diseases in New Orleans during May, 1896.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *June 7, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report herewith a summary of contagious diseases as reported in this city during the month of May, 1896, viz:

Smallpox cases remaining on hand May 1, 202—20 white, 182 colored; smallpox, 88 new cases—10 white, 78 colored; diphtheria, 4 cases—4 white, no colored; scarlatina, 3 cases—3 white, no colored. Deaths: Smallpox, 25 (colored); diphtheria, 1 (white); no deaths from scarlatina.

Very respectfully,

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, June 9, 1896.

SIR: Following is the number of cases of smallpox occurring in Tennessee during the month ending May 31:

In the city of Memphis there occurred 10 cases, all colored; in Shelby County (outside of the city of Memphis), 8 cases, with 2 deaths; all colored. There occurred in camp, near Covington, Tipton County, 14 cases, with 2 deaths; all colored. Thus making a total of 32 cases, with 4 deaths, in the State for the month.

In all the above cases the usual precautions for the restriction and prevention of the disease were observed.

Very respectfully,

J. BERRIEN LINDSLEY,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

Disinfection of baggage of Chinese immigrants at Angel Island Quarantine, California.

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., June 6, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to report that we disinfected the baggage of, and bathed 63 Chinese steerage passengers from the steamer *Peru*.

A case of plague developed in one of firemen after leaving Hong-kong, and the man was buried at sea. The vessel was quarantined nine days at Nagasaki.

The steamer *Coptic*, due here June 16, has also been placed in quarantine at Nagasaki, presumably from a similar cause.

Very respectfully,

M. J. ROSENAU,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, May 9, 1896, to June 18, 1896.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Florida:				
Pensacola	May 20.....	1		
Indiana:				
Indianapolis.....	May 29.....	1		
Louisiana:				
New Orleans.....	May 9-June 6....	54	14	
Shreveport	May 16-May 30....	2		
	June 8-June 10....	3		
Ohio:				
Dayton.....	May 28-June 4....	1	1	
Tennessee:				
Memphis.....	May 1-May 30....	10		
Shelby County (not including Memphis).....	May 1-May 31....	8	2	
Tipton County.....do	14	2	
Washington:				
Seattle.....	May 23.....	1		Case occurred Apr. 27; now convalescent.

* For table of smallpox in the United States, etc., December 26, 1895, to May 9, 1896, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS No. 23.